Loans granted to SSIs in Punjab

940. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount of loans granted to the small scale industries in the country by Government particularly in the State of Punjab during the last three years, unit-wise; and

(b) the details of the total amount of loans granted out of it to the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Weaker Sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Loans are provided to small scale units by banks/financial institutions. As per information received from RBI, the details of the total amount of loans granted to small scale industries as well as the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Weaker Sections in the country particularly in the State of Punjab during the last three years unit-wise are not available. However, outstanding advances of public sector banks to SSIs in the State of Punjab as well as all over India is furnished below:—

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Year	Punjab	All India
1992	962.93	17487.09
1993	1088.16	19143.05
1994	1285.62	21440.32

Preliminary studies by ONGC to evaluate CBM potential in Dhanbad District

941. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC had carried out preliminary studies to evaluate Coal Bed Methane (CBM) potential in Parbatpur Mahal-Sitanala area of Dhanbad District in Bihar;

(b) whether these areas were leased to SAIL by Coal India Limited for captive mining;

(c) whether any prefeasibility report was submited to SAIL by ONGC with the proposal to form joint venture company to explore CBM from this field; and

(d) if so, the response from SAIL and the present status of CBM exploration in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Screening Committee functioning in the Ministry of Coal has identified certain coal mining blocks, including Sitanala Mahal and Parbatpur in Jharia Coal field for captive development by M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No response has yet been received by ONGC from SAIL. Exploration for CBM has not commenced.

खनिज के निर्यात को त्वरित गति से बढ़ाना

942. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मूलभूत सुविधाओं का अभाव खनिजों के निर्यात को तेजी से बढ़ाने में सबसे बड़ी कठिनाई है;

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में कोई व्यापक अध्ययन किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके क्या निष्कर्ष निकले;

(घ) क्या सरकार को उक्त अध्ययन दल की सिफारिशें प्राप्त हो गई हैं;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(च) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) से (च) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Setting up of Industry at Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh

943. SHRI SAIFULLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made up its mind to put up any industry at Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh which is a backward and drought prone area situated in between Bangalore and Hyderabad and is connected by railway line and National Highway-7;